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SUBJECT: ADVICE TO AMERICAN CITIZENS

REF: BONN 04459 (NOTAL)

1. PLEASE PASS PARAS 2, 3 AND 4 OF THIS MESSAGE TO FRG
FONOFF FOR IMMEDIATE TRANSMISSION TO FRG EMBASSY KAMPALA:

2. EVER SINCE CLOSING OF AMERICAN EMBASSY KAMPALA IN 1973,
UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT HAS ADVISED AMERICANS AGAINST
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TRAVELING TO UGANDA OR TAKING UP RESIDENCE THERE, AND HAS
COUNSELED THOSE ALREADY RESIDENT TO LEAVE. EVENTS OF
FEBRUARY 25-MARCH 1 PROVIDED DRAMATIC CONFIRMATION OF
UNPREDICTABILITY OF CONDITIONS IN UGANDA AND OF POSSIBLE
HAZARDS FACING AMERICANS WHO CONTINUE TO RESIDE THERE.
MARCH 13 ANNOUNCEMENT ON UGANDA RADIO(THAT AMERICAN AND
BRITISH RESIDENTS ARE TO BE WATCHED BY UGANDAN AUTHORITIES

AND SUBJECTED TO "PRESSURE" TO REVEAL SOURCES OF "FALSE INFORMATION" CIRCULATING ABOUT UGANDA ABROAD) FURTHER HIGHLIGHTS CONTINUING UNCERTAINTIES -- ALTHOUGH WE HAVE NOTED AMBASSADOR ELLERKMANN'S ANALYSIS (REFTEL) THAT IN ITSELF THIS ANNOUNCEMENT NEED NOT GIVE UNDUE CAUSE FOR ALARM.

3. WE BELIEVE THAT RECENT EVENTS MAKE ADVISABLE REAFFIRMATION OF STANDING US GUIDANCE ON TRAVELING/LIVING IN UGANDA. ACCORDINGLY, WE REQUEST THAT FRG EMBASSY KAMPALA AGAIN REMIND AMERICAN RESIDENTS OF DEPARTMENT OF STATE RECOMMENDATION THAT THEY NOT REMAIN IN UGANDA. REMINDER SHOULD BE COMMUNICATED AS EXPEDITIOUSLY AS OPPORTUNITIES ARISE, BUT DISCREETLY THROUGH PERSONAL CONTACT (NOT REPEAT NOT BY TELEPHONE), AND SHOULD BE EXPLAINED AS STRONG REAFFIRMATION OF EXISTING GUIDANCE RATHER THAN AS NEW OR EMERGENCY EVACUATION ORDER, IN ORDER MINIMIZE RISKS OF PROVOKING UGANDAN GOVERNMENT TO ANTI-AMERICAN ACTIONS OR INTERFERENCE WITH DEPARTURE PLANS. WE CANNOT ORDER US CITIZENS TO LEAVE, BUT THAT IS OUR STRONG RECOMMENDATION. EMBASSY SHOULD ADVISE ANY AMERICANS WHO INDICATE INTENTION TO DEPART TO MAKE PREPARATIONS TO DO SO AS DISCREETLY AS POSSIBLE AND TO MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO PRESENT DEPARTURE AS NORMAL OPERATION.

4. WE REPEAT THAT WE DO NOT WISH ISSUANCE OF THIS ADVISORY NOTICE TO BE INTERPRETED AS AN EVACUATION ORDER, OR TO SUGGEST THAT US GOVERNMENT BELIEVES LATEST UGANDAN ANNOUNCEMENT PORTENDS SPECIFIC ACTIONS BY UGANDAN GOVERNMENT AGAINST AMERICANS. WE SIMPLY BELIEVE THAT RECENT
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EVENTS SERVE TO ILLUSTRATE AND CONFIRM AGAIN WHAT SHOULD LONG HAVE BEEN CLEAR, THAT CONDITIONS IN UGANDA ARE HAZARDOUS AND THAT PERSONAL SECURITY OF AMERICANS CANNOT BE ASSURED.

5. FOR BONN: YOU SHOULD EMPHASIZE IMPORTANCE WE PLACE ON NEED TO CONTACT US CITIZENS PERSONALLY RATHER THAN THROUGH MAIL OR TELEPHONE AND ON NEED FOR DISCRETION. YOU SHOULD ALSO INFORM FRG OF INSTRUCTIONS TO OUR EMBASSIES IN NEXT PARAGRAPH.

6. FOR INFORMATION ADDRESSEES: YOU ARE REQUESTED TO GIVE ABOVE ORAL GUIDANCE TO ANY AMERICAN RESIDENTS OF UGANDA WITH WHOM YOU HAVE CONTACT, AND TO ANY AMERICANS EXPRESSING INTEREST IN TRAVELING TO OR TAKING UP RESIDENCE IN UGANDA, TAKING CARE TO ENSURE THAT "STANDING" NATURE OF THIS GUIDANCE IS STRESSED.

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